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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

11 MOHINDER KHANNA

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM  
15 CORPORATION d/b/a  
16 GLAXOSMITHKLINE, McKESSON  
PHARMACY SYSTEMS, and DOES ONE  
through FIFTEEN, inclusive,

17 Defendants.  
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Case No. CV-08-1131 MHP

**DECLARATION OF KRISTA L.  
COSNER IN SUPPORT OF  
DEFENDANT SMITHKLINE  
BEECHAM CORPORATION dba  
GLAXOSMITHKLINE'S OPPOSITION  
TO PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO  
REMAND**

**DATE: June 9, 2008**  
**TIME: 2:00 P.M.**  
**COURTROOM: 15**  
**JUDGE: Hon. Marilyn H. Patel**

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20 I, KRISTA L. COSNER, declare:

21 1. I am an attorney admitted to practice before all courts of the State of  
22 California and am an Associate with Drinker Biddle & Reath, LLP, attorneys for  
23 SMITHKLINE BEECHAM CORPORATION dba GLAXOSMITHKLINE ("GSK") and  
24 McKESSON CORPORATION ("McKesson") (collectively, "Defendants") in this action.  
25 I make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge, in support of Defendant GSK's  
26 opposition to Plaintiff's Motion to Remand of *Mohinder Khanna. v. GlaxoSmithKline, et*  
27 *al.*, to San Francisco Superior Court. I would and could competently testify to the  
28 matters stated in this Declaration if called as a witness.

1           2.       Attached as **Exhibit A** is a true and accurate copy of the Transfer Order, *In*  
2       *re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, MDL 1871  
3       (J.P.M.L. Apr. 8, 2008).

4           3.       On May 29, 2008, the JPML is scheduled to consider, without oral  
5       argument, Plaintiff's objection to the transfer of this case to MDL 1871. In the nine  
6       previous Avandia cases in which the JPML considered plaintiffs' objections to transfer,  
7       (see Exhibit A) it overruled the objections and transferred the cases to the MDL.

8           4.       Judge Cynthia Rufe, the MDL transferee judge, has indicated that she will  
9       consider all pending remand motions within approximately the next two months.

10          5.       One of the cases transferred to the MDL involving the issue of fraudulent  
11       joinder of McKesson is *Leslie Boone v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al.*, 08-CV-01981  
12       CMR, *Boone* was filed in state court and removed to the Central District of California,  
13       where it was assigned to the Honorable Stephen G. Larson. Plaintiff filed a Motion to  
14       Remand and GSK filed a Motion to Stay, both of which were fully briefed. Judge Larson  
15       heard argument on both motions; however, he did not decide either. Rather, by declining  
16       to act on the pending motions, he allowed the case to be transferred to the MDL, where  
17       the still-pending Motion to Remand will be decided.

18          I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that  
19       the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on this 19th day of May, 2008 in San Francisco,  
20       California.

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23                               /S/ Krista L. Cosner  
                                  KRISTA L. COSNER

**EXHIBIT A**

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY

ATTEST

By Mecca Thompson on Apr 08, 2008

FOR THE UNITED STATES  
JUDICIAL PANEL ON  
MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION

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IN RE: AVANDIA MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES  
AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION

MDL No. 1871

TRANSFER ORDER

**Before the entire Panel\*:** Plaintiffs in nine actions listed on Schedule A and pending in the Central District of California (one action) and the Northern District of California (eight actions), respectively, have moved, pursuant to Rule 7.4, R.P.J.P.M.L., 199 F.R.D. 425, 435-36 (2001), to vacate our orders conditionally transferring the actions to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for inclusion in MDL No. 1871. Responding defendant SmithKlineBeecham Corp. d/b/a/ GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) opposes the motions.

After considering all argument of counsel, we find that these actions involve common questions of fact with actions in this litigation previously transferred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, and that transfer of these nine actions to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for inclusion in MDL No. 1871 will serve the convenience of the parties and witnesses and promote the just and efficient conduct of the litigation. We further find that transfer of these actions is appropriate for reasons that we set out in our original order directing centralization in this docket. In that order, we held that the Eastern District of Pennsylvania was a proper Section 1407 forum for actions arising from allegations that certain diabetes drugs manufactured by GSK – Avandia and/or two sister drugs containing Avandia (Avandamet and Avandaryl) – cause an increased risk of heart attack and other physical injury, and that GSK failed to provide adequate warnings concerning that risk. *See In re Avandia Marketing, Sales Practices and Products Liability Litigation*, 528 F.Supp.2d 1339 (J.P.M.L. 2007).

Movants argue that these actions involve unique claims concerning the marketing and promotion of Avandia in California, and focus on alleged violations of state statutory and common law. Section 1407, however, does not require a complete identity or even majority of common factual and legal issues as a prerequisite to centralization. Transfer under the statute has the salutary effect of placing all actions in this docket before a single judge who can formulate a pretrial program that: (1) allows discovery with respect to any non-common issues to proceed concurrently with discovery on common issues, *In re Joseph F. Smith Patent Litigation*, 407 F.Supp. 1403, 1404 (J.P.M.L. 1976); and (2) ensures that pretrial proceedings will be conducted in a manner leading to the just and expeditious resolution of all actions to the overall benefit of the parties.

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\* Judges Heyburn and Scirica took no part in the disposition of this matter.

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Plaintiffs can present their motions for remand to state court to the transferee judge. *See, e.g., In re Ivy*, 901 F.2d 7 (2d Cir. 1990); *In re Prudential Insurance Company of America Sales Practices Litigation*, 170 F.Supp.2d 1346, 1347-48 (J.P.M.L. 2001).

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1407, these nine actions are transferred to the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and, with the consent of that court, assigned to the Honorable Cynthia M. Rufe for inclusion in the coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings occurring there in this docket.

PANEL ON MULTIDISTRICT LITIGATION



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**IN RE: AVANDIA MARKETING, SALES PRACTICES  
AND PRODUCTS LIABILITY LITIGATION**

MDL No. 1871

**SCHEDULE A**

Central District of California

Leslie Boone v. GlaxoSmithKline Corp., et al., C.A. No. 2:07-7699

Northern District of California

Dorothy Bone, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5886

James Hall v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5887

James Jefferson v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5888

George Fisher v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5889

Hector Thornton v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5890

Ivan Upshaw v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-5891

Rose Hefner, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-6050

Richard Bowles, et al. v. SmithKline Beecham Corp., et al., C.A. No. 3:07-6328